

**AGENDA:** March 23, 2004

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**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Public Works

**TITLE:** City Selection Policy for Appointment to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Council Transportation Committee's (CTC) recommendation to modify adopted policy to delegate authority to the CTC to appoint a member of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC), selected by a majority vote of the B/PAC, to serve as Mountain View's representative on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) B/PAC for a two-year term.

**FISCAL IMPACT**—There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation.

### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The VTA B/PAC consists of appointed representatives from each city in Santa Clara County. B/PAC representatives must be active members of their city's bicycle committee and reside in Santa Clara County. The term for each appointment is two years beginning in July.

The current City Council-adopted policy is to automatically appoint the chair of the B/PAC as the Mountain View representative. However, a new chairperson is selected once a year in January, which is inconsistent with the term of the VTA B/PAC appointment. In the past, the B/PAC has elected the same Committee member as chair for two years due in large part to the VTA two-year terms, limiting the ability of other Committee members to serve as chairperson. According to the VTA, most city representatives are not the chairs of their committee and many have served more than one two-year term.

To align current policy with the term of the VTA B/PAC, the Mountain View B/PAC and the CTC recommended modification of the policy to permit any member of the B/PAC, selected by a majority vote of the Committee, to serve as Mountain View's representative for a two-year term. The appointee selected by the B/PAC would be approved by the CTC. This approval process is consistent with the current reporting structure of the B/PAC and provides the CTC with greater influence over Mountain View's representation in the County-wide bicycle forum. A copy of the B/PAC meeting minutes and a draft of CTC meeting minutes are included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

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Appointment to the full two-year term would allow Mountain View's B/PAC representative to become more familiar with the VTA programs and procedures. This approach would also facilitate yearly rotation of the chairperson and encourages participation by other members of the Committee who may wish to serve in a capacity other than chairperson.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting.

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Attachments: 1. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
2. Draft CTC Meeting Minutes

cc: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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